WELL—PORATHISSERI PANCHAYAT—DEEPENING OF.

32. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is brought to the notice of the Government that there is no water in the well situated in Naikkan Kudaram (നായ്ക്കൻ കുടാരം) in Porathisseri village;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware of the fact that it is from this well that water used to be drawn by this community;

(*c*) whether the Government had not allotted Rs. 150 in the Budget of 1112 for deepening this well by removing the rocks;

(*d*) whether the Government had not made an experiment in the matter and found it a success;

(*e*) whether the Panchayat of Porathisseri had not reminded the Government about the deepening of this well;

(*f*) whether the money allotted in the budget was not lapsed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) Yes.
(*f*) Trial holes were bored at a cost of about Rs. 15 and the balance amount lapsed.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government consider the question of digging the well again immediately?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I assure the hon'ble member that this will be included in the next year's budget.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): When was the work started?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): In 1112.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): What was the reason why the work was not continued?

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): They wanted to test whether water is available and they made a bore-hole and by the time it was tested and found that water was available, it was out of season. It was then decided not to take up the work that year and it was postponed for the next year.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): When was the test made?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): In 1112.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): In which month?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): For the exact date, I want notice. I think it was begun some time in the summer season.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): What is the reason why it could not be deepened as yet?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): They began rather late and they found out that there is water available. But by the time water was found, it was too late to start the work due to the monsoon and it was decided to take up the work next year. Unfortunately that was not included in the subsequent budget and that was why I gave the assurance that this work will be taken up next year. I admit that there was some mistake. The matter was overlooked.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Will the Government be pleased to take up the works which have already been sanctioned before any other works are taken up?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): The mistake here may probably be an oversight. But when once the work is sanctioned, is it not desirable that that work is taken up and completed before new works that are sanctioned subsequently are taken up?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The procedure adopted is this. A number of works are taken up every year and the departments concerned recommend for sanction. These works are sanctioned and towards the end of the year when the budgets are prepared, those works from among the sanctioned works that could be included in the budget are included and they are taken up. Only those that could be

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included within the sanctioned allotment are taken. Therefore, sometimes a sanctioned work could not have been taken up.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): My point is whether preference is not given to those works sanctioned before new works?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Certainly, the principle would be adhered to. Always preference will be given to works that are already sanctioned.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): In spite of the fact that new works are undertaken, the question of water-supply is not tackled by Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I assure the hon'ble member that the question of giving water will be the first consideration of the Department.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that there are many wells in the Panchayat Department which do not contain any water in summer?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will he collect a list of those wells, so that they may be bored to get water?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): When once money is allotted for a particular sanctioned work and that has lapsed, will the Government consider the desirability to re-allot the money the very next year?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): For this work money was not provided in the budget. I admit that this was a mistake.

OPENING IN THE CHIRA IN THE CHOVVALLUR THODU—CONSTRUCTION OF.

33. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chundal Group Panchayat has received a petition from the ryots of Chundal and Kandanisseri villages on 7th Dhanu 1112 complaining about the damages for their crops for want of a suitable opening for the chira constructed in the Chovvallur Thodu;

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